## ATR-I: Recovery Support Services Provider Standards Fact Sheets Child Care

Child Care, a sub-set of ATR-I Recovery Support Services, allows a client, who is a parent or guardian, to participate in clinical treatment and/or recovery support services. These services include care and supervision provided during part of a twenty-four (24) hour day to a client's child(ren), less than 13 years of age, while the client is participating in clinical treatment and/or recovery support services.

## **Capabilities**

Child Care providers will be expected to provide the following services and perform the following tasks:

- a. provide services at a time and location that is suitable for the client to attend clinical treatment or recovery support services.
- b. provide a setting that promotes and ensures the health, well-being and safety of the child(ren) in care.

## **Minimum Standards**

- 1. Individuals providing child care services or who have unsupervised direct contact with children in care, must have a current Criminal History Check. Checks must be conducted by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.
- 2. The organization shall follow State regulations for reporting incidents of child abuse and/or neglect.
- 3. Child Care providers must be licensed and meet the Idaho Administrative Procedures Act (IDAPA) Rules 16.06.02 *Rules Governing Standards for Child Care Licensing*. A copy of these rules can be found at:

http://adm.idaho.gov/adminrules/rules/idapa16/16index.htm

- 4. Child Care providers may request an exemption from licensing requirements under Idaho Code 39-1101 (Title 39; Chapter 11) in the following instances:
  - a. the occasional care of a neighbor's, relative's or friend's child or children by a person not ordinarily in the business of child care;
  - b. the operation of a private school or religious school for educational purposes for children over four (4) years of age or a religious kindergarten;
  - c. the provision of occasional care exclusively for children of parents who are simultaneously in the same building;
  - d. the operation of day camps, programs and religious schools for less than twelve (12) weeks during a calendar year or not more often than once a week; or

e. the provision of care for the children of only one (1) immediate family in addition to the person's own children

## **Minimum Standards**

Child Care providers caring for one or more unrelated children under age thirteen and receiving compensation for that care must meet the minimum standards for health and safety established by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. A copy of these rules can be found at:

http://adm.idaho.gov/adminrules/rules/idapa16/0612.pdf

- 1. Providers maintain current certification in pediatric rescue breathing and first aid.
- 2. Immunization records are kept on-site and made available to health department officials for viewing at all times for all children in the program.
- 3. Health and safety standards for hand washing are practiced before and after child care routines including: diapering; assisting children in the bathroom; wiping noses; administering first aid; preparing food and eating meals.
- 4. Foods given to children are kept at proper temperatures and not subject to contamination.
- 5. Medicines, cleaning products and other dangerous substances and articles are kept away from children at all times.
- 6. A functioning smoke alarm and fire extinguisher are adequately installed and kept in the area where children are cared for. Two exits are determined to be adequate in case of emergency and a plan for escape exists and is practiced.
- 7. A telephone or other means of communication is working at all times and made available in event of an emergency.
- 8. The minimum age for child care providers is 18 years.
- 9. No one living in the place where child care is provided or employed in the child care program has any physical or mental condition that poses a health or safety risk to a child receiving care.
- 10. No one living in the place where child care is provided or employed in the child care program has been sentenced or received delayed sentencing for any of the following crimes: homicide; kidnapping; prostitution; arson; assault; aggression; indecency; physical or sexual abuse of a child, nor have they been the subject of a complaint of abuse or negligence of a minor.